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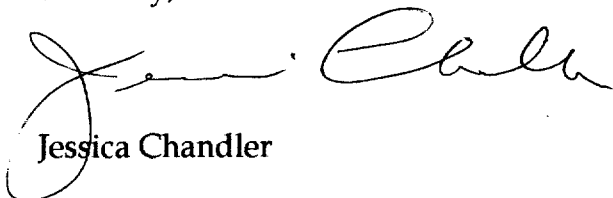
Dear Ms. Henney,

I am writing in reference to Docket #98N-1038 "Irradiation in the Production, Processing, and Handling of Food."

Although irradiation may be a boon to industry in the preservation of food and subsequent cost savings to business owners, it is important to keep in mind that our democracy was founded on the principles of free choice. Although irradiation will not be eliminated, please do not weaken or eliminate labeling requirements for irradiated food. We have a right to know, and a right to choose for ourselves and that means being fully informed on how our food is processed.

All labels required by federal law must be truthful and not misleading.

Sincerely,



Jessica Chandler

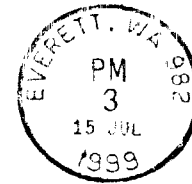
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I'm not an "average" citizen today because I'm expressing my views that we need obvious and accurate labeling on irradiated food. I still speak for many average people who have a right to know and a right to choose.

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